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Appointment of Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders.

* 14 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) the principles governing the appointment of Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders;

(b) whether the District Magistrates and District Judges have to submit the names in consultation;

(c) whether the Government invariably accept their recommendations;

(d) whether there is a proposal under consideration to transfer the power to make those appointments to the Public Service Commission; and

(e) whether the High Court had been consulted in respect of rules governing those appointments?

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" (a) The character, ability and reliability of the candidates are taken into account in making the appointment.

" (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (c) Not invariably.

" (d) & (e) The answer is in the negative."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know if District Magistrates are required to submit all the names or only one name?"

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" They first call for applications. They send a list of names from this and of others who they think are suitable and could be recommended."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Are District Magistrates expected to submit names in the order of preference?"

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" Sometimes they do and sometimes they do not."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Do political considerations influence the choice of Public Prosecutors?"

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" I do not know what the hon. Member means. What is wanted is reliability and that is the criterion."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, if the High Court has anything to do in the matter of rules governing their appointments?"

The Hon. Sri K. BHASHYAM:—" The High Court cannot interfere with Government choosing its own lawyers."

Bonus to workers in the Lawrence Asylum Press.

* 15 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether, when the Lawrence Asylum Press was taken over by Government, the workers who continued to work even after the transfer of management to Government were promised bonus in addition to pension;